

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

It is believed all objections to the claims are overcome by the amendments thereto.

Claims 9 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Enomoto. Claims 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 were rejected as allegedly obvious over Enomoto and various cited references. It is not believed that these rejections apply to the amended claims.

With respect to claim 9, Enomoto discloses a digital photo processing apparatus having a resolution converter for converting a resolution of the image data corresponding to a residue capacity of the recording medium detected by the residue detecting element (corresponding to the capacity checker of the present invention). However, Enomoto's apparatus does not take into account that the image quality of prints should not be lowered in relationship to the resolution of the printer when converting the image data. As a result, the image quality of prints may be disadvantageously lowered compared with the quality before converting the image data when executing the printing process using the image data recorded on the recording medium. Thus, it is submitted that Enomoto does not disclose a resolution converter operable to lower a resolution of the printing data to a proper resolution not lowering image quality of prints in relationship to a resolution of the digital printer when the printing data has a volume exceeding the available capacity detected by the capacity checker.

With respect to claim 13, it is not believed that the method of recording the printing data on the removable recording media disclosed by Enomoto includes, *inter alia*, the step of checking whether the resolution of the printing data may be converted to a proper resolution where image quality of prints is not lowered in relationship to a resolution of the digital printer when the printing data has a volume exceeding the available writing capacity detected by the capacity checker.

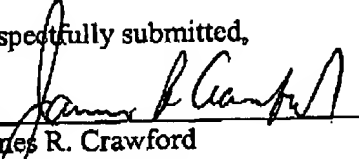
In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in

this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-KIT 327-US.

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